

Richard R. "Rick" Cusick II

June 19, 2020

Richard R. (Rick) Cusick II, 61, passed on June 19, 2020. Rick was born on August 5, 1958, to Helen Marie Phillips Cusick and Richard R. Cusick Sr. He attended Bishop David High School, Bellarmine College, Jefferson Community College, and Georgia Tech University.

Rick was a Kentucky Colonel.

Rick was certified by the National Institute of Certified Engineering Technicians (NICET), and was a certified OSHA Construction Safety Instructor.

Rick was a career employee of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet where he worked for over 27 years. During his career he was involved in many highway engineering projects in Jefferson, Bullitt, Oldham, Spencer, Henry, Trimble and Franklin counties. Some of the most notable were the completion of the Gene Snyder Freeway along with its interchange at I-65 in Jefferson County; the construction of the new KY 55 from Jefferson County to Taylorsville in Spencer County; the complete reconstruction of I-65 in Jefferson and Bullitt Counties; the widening of the Watterson (I-264) Expressway from Dixie Highway (US 31W) to I-71 in Jefferson County; and the US 127 construction from Frankfort to Lawrenceburg which included twin bridges over the Kentucky River.

Rick served as a supervisor in the Cabinet's Louisville District Construction Office where he oversaw Safety and contractor compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity, Disadvantage Business Enterprise Program, and

Prevailing Wage Law and regulations on all construction projects districtwide. He was also a frequent consultant to the University of Kentucky's Transportation Research Center on construction safety and traffic control and was commended by the Center for his work done while serving as the district liaison during the establishment of the TRIMARC Incident Management Program in the Louisville Metro area.

In later years, Rick served as the District Administrative Manager where he oversaw all the functions and employees of Louisville District's Administrative, Accounting, Purchasing, Personnel, and Payroll Sections.

Rick was named the 1997 Transportation Employee of the Year by The Kentucky Association of Transportation Engineers (KATE).

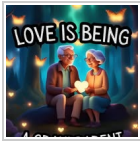
Owen Funeral Home on Dixie Highway has been entrusted with the arrangements with burial at Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I was so sad to hear of Rick’s passing. It seems like only yesterday that we were all working at the highway office. He was one of those employees that every supervisor loves to have. He enjoyed his job and would take on duties that a lot of people didn’t want to have a part of and would do them very well. He also liked the people he worked with. Always around the holidays you would find from him a bag of candy or something on your desk. Rick will always be a part of us.

BARRY SANDERS - July 20, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ I worked with Rick for years. He was very knowledgeable and dedicated to his work. His humor was contagious. RIP Rick.

Tony Basham - July 16, 2020 at 07:55 PM

RL

“ Rick was passionate about his job. He stressed safety foremost and had employees best interests at heart. He was a big man with a big heart.

Robert Lewis - July 16, 2020 at 11:31 AM

DS

“ I worked with Rick at the Highway Dept. He gave his all in many ways. You could hear him coming down the hall, bringing bags of Christmas candy treats to each department. Rick was willing to help in any way he could. A kind hearted soul. RIP Rick.

donna seales - July 16, 2020 at 11:08 AM

HG

Rick was a very nice person. He gave us candy for Christmas every year at District 5 DOT. RIP, Rick.

Henri Etta Gray - July 17, 2020 at 10:52 AM

DH

“ Rick was no only a skilled professional but also a true friend. He will be missed more than he could've ever known! God Speed My Friend....

Denny Harvey - July 16, 2020 at 10:27 AM

RS

“ I worked with Rick for four years in the 1990's and was impressed with his commitment to his job and the professional way he approached it. You could always count on the work he did being right. He was a good person and a role model for others.

Richard Sutherland - July 16, 2020 at 10:04 AM